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HOUSE RESOLUTION 245
By Brooks

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate FaraJi Winbush on the occasion of his graduation from Hunter's Lane Comprehensive High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor the youth of Tennessee who represent the standards, morals, conduct, and commitment to excellence that this Great State holds dear; and

WHEREAS, in the natural course of events, there are those youth whose destiny it is to be great leaders; and

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom, has brought forth such an individual in FaraJi Winbush; and

WHEREAS, FaraJi's parents soon realized that their son possessed the qualities of kindness, spirituality, and humility, adequately combined with a Warrior Spirit; and

WHEREAS, FaraJi Winbush is an outstanding person who has distinguished himself in the course of his youth; he graduated from Hunter's Lane Comprehensive High School on May 14th, 2000; and

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WHEREAS, he is a knowledgeable gentleman, poised and on the brink of developing into a strong black man, and is committed to the struggle for the liberation of his people; and

WHEREAS, FaraJi is a confident gentleman, who has developed a strong system of morals and values through the rites of passage into manhood; and

WHEREAS, raised to value his ethnic heritage, FaraJi exemplifies the righteous, respectful, and responsible Afri-centric black male; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Franz Fanon wrote in Black Skin, White Masks: "For several years certain laboratories have been trying to produce a serum for "denegrification"; with all the earnestness in the world, laboratories have sterilized their test tubes, checked their scales, and embarked upon researches that might make it possible for the miserable Negro to whiten himself and thus throw off the burden of that corporeal malediction." His parents have achieved the great feat of protecting FaraJi against such self-deprecating beliefs by instilling in him black pride; and

WHEREAS, FaraJi has always been a delightful addition to the Winbush family, and the African American community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, eager to learn, FaraJi looks forward to accomplishing even greater feats in the future; and

WHEREAS, a considerate gentleman, FaraJi possesses interests that are common among many young soldiers in *The Struggle*; and

WHEREAS, FaraJi's lifelong display of confidence and pride leads us to believe that he will grow and develop into a strong and responsible man and model citizen in the future; and

WHEREAS, FaraJi Winbush reminds us for whom this legislative body works so hard to secure a bright future, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby recognize,

honor and congratulate FaraJi Winbush on the occasion of his graduation from Hunter's Lane Comprehensive High School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to FaraJi our best wishes for a bright and successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to FaraJi, with this final clause omitted from such copy.